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NOTHING hath been more frequently, or more ſtrenuouſly objected againſt the Conduct of theſe Papers, than our general Invectives againſt *Bribery* and *Corruption*; which, having been the common Topicks of Invective for many Years paſt, our *Adverſaries* endeavour to make the World believe that They are meerly fictitious, and proceed only from a Deſign of inflaming the Paſſions of the People. Now, for my Part, I think the Continuance and Univerſality of *theſe Complaints* are far from being any Argument that They are groundleſs. On the contrary, I look upon them as one preſumptive Proof that They are founded on ſome real Cauſes. When a *great* and *grievous Evil* is generally felt, it naturally produces a general Uneaſineſs and Diſſatisfaction, which will always break out into open Complaints; but it is very difficult to raiſe a general Diſcontent in any Nation upon *imaginary Grievances*, however artfully coin'd, or induſtriouſly propagated. I ſay, it is very difficult; for I am not yet ſo far gone in *Faction* and *Patriotiſm*, as to aſſert that the Reſentments of the People were never ſtirr'd up by *falſe Pretences* and *bad Motives*. But, generally ſpeaking, the Body of the *People* judge right, becauſe They judge from their *Senſes*, without any *ambitious Views*; and if They are ſometimes miſled by *factious Demagogues*, the Deluſion never laſts long; but They return to their Duty, as ſoon as the Maſk is taken off, and direct their Rage againſt Thoſe, who had deceived Them.

This is an old Obſervation, which hath been often illuſtrated by particular Examples, and will certainly hold good in general.—Let us now bring it home to the preſent Caſe, and ſee whether the late publick Complaints of *Corruption* are really the Creatures only of *factious Brains*, or whether They cannot be juſtify'd by a long Series of *melancholy Facts* and *irrefragable Arguments*. In Order to This, let us turn our Eyes ten or twelve Years backwards, and ſeriouſly conſider whether one of Them hath paſs'd, from the famous Æra of 1720 to this Time, without a Diſcovery of ſome iniquitous Corruption, either in the Management of our *great Companies*, the Adminiſtration of *Juſtice*, or the Execution of ſome *publick Truſt*. Have not many *Delinquents*, of this Nature, fallen under the Examination, and have not ſome of Them incurr'd the ſevere Cenſure of *Parliament*? Nay, are not the Diſcoveries even of this *preſent Year* more than ſufficient to juſtify the loudeſt Complaints; and can the moſt *abandon'd Hireling* have the Confidence, for the future, to ſtigmatize them with the Name of *Faction*, or to aſſert, as one of Them hath lately done, *that* CORRUPTION *was never at a lower Ebb than at preſent?*—Two moſt enormous Frauds are now under the Examination of *Parliament*, and others are ripening (I might ſay, are almoſt full ripe) for the ſame national Inquiſition. Scarce one of our *great Companies* is now free from Suſpicion and juſt Matter of Cenſure; not even *That*, which hath always valued itſelf, and been moſt eſteem'd, for its *prudent Conduct*, and nice Regard to *Credit*. In *ſome others* the Miſmanagement, to give it no worſe a Name, is become glaring in every Eye, and nothing but the Fear of *greater Diſcoveries* can have hitherto prevented the unhappy Proprietors from demanding and inſiſting on the cloſeſt Inſpection. But Time and particular Accidents have already reveal'd enough to juſtify all that hath been ſaid upon theſe Heads. *Little upſtart Clerks*, *Factors*, *Captains* and *Super-Cargoes* have been ſuffered to glut Themſelves, upon the Spoils of their *Proprietors*, and to make large Eſtates, without any Regard to Decency, upon *one loſing Voyage*. What ſome of their *Principals* and *Directors* may have got, a little farther Time may diſcover, and I hope the Juſtice of the Nation will make Them ſpew it up again.

It would therefore be ridiculous, at preſent, to ſay any Thing farther in our Vindication on this Subject; or endeavour to prove what all Men feel, or lament, and what the *Parliament* is actually employ'd in redreſſing; but it may be of ſome Uſe to enquire a little from what *Source* all theſe Iniquities have flow'd and almoſt overwhelm'd the Nation.

The *miniſterial Writers*, who were always remarkable for their great Candour and Modeſty, have found out a moſt ingenious Method of accounting for theſe *prevailing Corruptions*. If the World would be ſo kind as to believe *theſe Gentlemen*, none of the late Misfortunes and Calamities of the Nation have been owing to *their Patron*, who hath been in pretty ample Power for ſeveral Years paſt, but to *thoſe Perſons* only, who have continued to oppoſe his Meaſures, and endeavoured to prevent the Conſequences of them.——Have We been unfortunately engaged in any *Treaties*, which either have prov'd, or may prove, detrimental to the Intereſt of the Nation? The *Oppoſition*, which their *Patron* hath met with at home, made them expedient.— Have any of our *Poſſeſſions* been attack'd; have any of our *Ships* been taken, or the *Honour* of the Nation inſulted, without Reprizals, or Reparation? It was owing to the Encouragement, which our Enemies received from *theſe Malecontents*, who ty'd up the Hands of the Government from vindicating itſelf.—Have the People been loaded with *burthenſome Taxes*? The *Faction*, who voted againſt Them, are anſwerable for them.—Is a *large Army* kept up in Times of Peace? The *Faction* hath made it neceſſary, by vigorouſly oppoſing it.—Have our *Debts* been increas'd, or at leaſt not diminiſhed as We had Reaſon to expect? Still it is the *Faction*, the *ſame wicked Faction*, who have prevented our Proſperity, by conſtantly pleading for it, and brought all our Misfortunes upon us, by their clamorous Harangues againſt Them, both within Doors and without.

If We examine their Writings, with Regard to other Affairs, of a more domeſtick Nature, We ſhall find Them run in much the ſame Strain. In a Word, all the Miſmanagement, Fraud, Corruption and Iniquity, as well as all the Blunders and Follies, which a *certain Gentleman* and his *Creatures* have been guilty of, for ſeveral Years paſt, ought to be imputed, according to their Way of Reaſoning, to a *little, inconſiderable Minority of falſe Patriots and Incendiaries*, who have had no Share in the Adminiſtration of Affairs, nor any Power of doing either Good or Hurt to their Country, but with their *Tongues* and their *Pens*.

Well then, it is natural for my Readers to aſk from what Fountain I ſuppoſe *theſe Enormities* have flow'd, and I think my ſelf able to give Them a very good Anſwer; but as it may not be altogether proper, or ſafe, in our preſent Circumſtances, I muſt deſire Them to excuſe me, and will endeavour to entertain Them with a very odd *Dream*, which lately preſented itſelf to my Fancy, as ſoon as I fell aſleep, after ſome Reflections on this Subject.

I THOUGHT my ſelf tranſported on a ſudden into a large, pleaſant and fruitful Iſland, which ſeem'd deſign'd by Nature for the Seat of *Liberty* and *Commerce*. As it was ſituated in a temperate and healthful Climate, ſo the Sea, which ſurrounded it and form'd a natural Barrier againſt the Inroads of other Nations, ſerv'd to bring home their Riches and made the People, in a peculiar Manner, Lords of the whole Creation. Her Coaſts abounded with the moſt convenient Ports and Havens, for the Reception and Security of her Shipping. Her inland Parts, by the ſame bountiful Indulgence of Heaven, were provided with large, navigable Rivers, which improved the natural Richneſs of the Soil and ſupply'd the Inhabitants with all Kinds of Fiſh. Her Fields were covered with plentiful Harveſts and numerous Herds of Cattle. The whole Country was not only fertile and well peopled, but ſo providentially diverſify'd with Hills and Vallies, with Plains and Woodlands, with Downs, Meadows and Marſhes, that the People had but little to fear from the Inclemencies of the Seaſons, and nothing but a particular Stroke of divine Vengeance ſeem'd able to reduce them to the Extremities of a Dearth, or a Famine. This agreeable, rural Scene was likewiſe interſpers'd with large, trading Towns and opulent Cities, which took off the Superfluities of the Farmer and Shepherd, and circulated their Wealth through the whole Kingdom. The Conſtitution of her Government was ſo happily mix'd and ballanc'd, that it was the mutual Intereſt of the Prince and the People to ſupport it. A Spirit of Liberty diſcovered it ſelf in the Faces of the Inhabitants, and an Air of Plenty diffus'd itſelf through the whole Iſland. In ſhort, it ſeem'd to be the favourite Land of Heaven, and wanted nothing to render it a great, happy and flouriſhing Commonwealth.

But as I was pleaſing myſelf with ſome Reflections on the Felicity of ſuch a Nation, I happened to caſt my Eyes towards the *North-Eaſt* Part of it, and took Notice of a *Tree*, which appeared to be of ſo extraordinary a Nature, that I had the Curioſity to examine it very narrowly. At firſt, it ſeem'd to be only about the Size of a common *Yew-Tree*, in a Country Church-yard; but it ſhot up with ſuch amazing Velocity, whilſt I was looking upon it, that it ſoon loſt its Head in the Clouds and darkened the whole Land with the Extenſion of its Branches. At the ſame Time, I ſaw it put forth a vaſt Quantity of beautiful Fruit, which glitter'd like burniſh'd Gold and hung in large Cluſters on every Bough. I now perceiv'd it to be the TREE OF CORRUPTION, which bears a very near Reſemblance to the *Tree of Knowledge*, in the Garden of *Eden*; for whoever taſted the Fruit of it, loſt his Integrity and fell, like *Adam*, from the *State of Innocence*.

Perched in the middle of the *Tree*, like King *Charles* in the Oak, I ſpy'd a round, portly Man, of a ſwarthy Complexion, whoſe Breaſt was emboſs'd with particular Emblems of Honour. He ſate enthron'd, as it were, between two of the main Arms of the *Tree*; and, plucking the *Golden Apples* on every Side, toſs'd them down amongſt the Croud beneath Him. The Beauty of the *Fruit* tempted many to eat; but others rejected it with the utmoſt Indignation. The *Man in the Tree* immediately ordered Thoſe, who fed moſt voraciouſly, to climb up and take their *Places* near Him. In a few Minutes, all the chief Branches were fill'd with Perſons in various Habits, and many of Them diſtinguiſh'd with Badges of different Orders. Amongſt the reſt, there was a very *odd, little Creature*, who diverted me extremely. As ſoon as the Word was given for mounting, He ſhuffled through the Croud, and ſcrambling up the Tree in an awkward, ridiculous Manner, the *great Man* above reached out his Hand and gave Him a Liſt into one of the beſt Places. He fell immediately to mauncing the *Apples* in a gluttonous Manner, like a greedy, over-grown School-boy, ſupplying his Mouth with one Hand and cramming his Pockets with the other. When He had ſufficiently gorg'd Himſelf, for the preſent, He began to amuſe us with a thouſand, Monkey Tricks; ſometimes addreſſing the Croud with a fooliſh, ſlabbering Face, and then getting aſtride one of the Boughs and ſwinging backwards and forwards, like *merry Andrew* on a ſlack Rope. The *great Man* Himſelf laugh'd very heartily at the Sight, and all his Adherents teſtify'd their Applauſe of the *Zany*'s Performances.

By this Time, methought, the Ground was covered with an infinite Variety of little Plants, or Suckers, which ſprung from the *grand Root*, and pullulated one from another in a regular Subordination. Some of them ſhot up to a great Height, whilſt I ſtay'd there, and bore a plentiful Crop of *Apples*; the Diſpoſal of which was delegated by the *ſupreme Coſtarmonger* to his *favourite Creatures*, who diſpens'd them to *other inferior Agents* in the ſame Manner that their *Patron* did Thoſe above. As I had a nearer View of *theſe Apples*, I thought I ſaw ſome Words inſcribed round the Superficies of them; but being reſolved not to touch one of them, (as I aſſure my Readers, on the Word and Credit of an Author, I did not) I clapt my Perſpective to my Eye and plainly diſcovered the Words *charitable Corporation* indented in natural Characters upon one of them; on another I read, *forfeited Eſtates*; on a third, *Army Debentures*; and on a fourth, *Bank Contract*. But there were two Inſcriptions, which I could not thoroughly underſtand. The firſt was *Eaſt India*, with theſe Letters in Capitals, *H——E——N*. The ſecond was *South-ſea*, with theſe Letters in the ſame Size, *E——B——C*. I likewiſe read ſeveral other Motto's and Inſcriptions upon *theſe Apples*; ſuch as *Pardons*, *Eſcapes*, *Deficiencies*, *Navy Bills*, *ſecret Service*, *Votes of Credit*, *Grants*, *Patents*, *Reverſions*, and a thouſand more, which it is impoſſible for me to recollect.

As the Fruit of *this Tree*, however fair and tempting to the Eye, had a moſt pernicious Effect on the human Mind, by erazing all the innate Principles of Truth, Juſtice and Honour; ſo the Leaves of it diſtill'd a baneful Kind of Dew, which had the ſame bad Influence on the inanimate Part of the Creation, and poiſon'd every Thing it fell upon. The Graſs immediately loſt its healthful Verdure and wither'd away; the Flowers faded; the Fruit ſhrunk up; the Corn ſicken'd of a deadly Blight; and every uſeful Plant and Herb felt no more the genial Warmth of Vegetation; whilſt Thoſe, of a noxious Kind acquired new Strength, and viſibly flouriſh'd under its Influence and Protection. Upon This, methought, the Face of the whole Land was immediately chang'd. The poor, dejected Shepherd lean'd upon his Crook and mourn'd over his Flock, which periſhed in Heaps, for Want of Paſture. The Husbandman beheld all his wearieſome Labour and Expences at once loſt, without any Hopes of Retribution. The painful Artizan and Day-Labourer were ſeiz'd with Terrors of immediate Want. The Merchant was forc'd to lay up his Ships for Want of Freight, and even Gentlemen of the largeſt Eſtates found Themſelves in Danger of ſtarving amidſt their extended Poſſeſſions. A general Scene of Poverty diſcovered itſelf amongſt all Ranks of People, and nothing was to be heard through the whole Land but piercing Lamentations and Agonies of Deſpair.

In this Diſtreſs, They turn'd up their Eyes, in a ſupplicating Poſture, to the *Man in the Tree*, who was ſo far from regarding their Complaints, that He anſwered Them with a *Sneer* and pointing to the *corrupt Fruit*, reproach'd Them with their beggarly Virtue and ſtarving Integrity. Provok'd at this Uſage, their Deſpair turn'd into Rage and inſpir'd Them with a Reſolution to redreſs Themſelves by cutting down the *Tree* and grubbing it up by the Roots; but as they were running in a full Body with Axes and other Inſtruments, in their Hands, the

Maſter of the Tree roſe out of his Seat with an Air of Contempt, and ſnatching up a *Wand*, that lay by Him, drew a large Circle round it. Immediately, a numerous Body of *arm'd Men* appeared, who encompaſs'd the *Tree* and protected the *Corrupter* and his *Party* from the Vengeance of the People; though methought I obſerved ſome Marks of Reluctance in their Countenances againſt executing ſo ungrateful a Task. This made me deſirous to ſee the Iſſue of ſuch an extraordinary Conjuncture; but juſt at that Inſtant a Gentleman knock'd at my Chamber Door and wak'd me out of my Dream. I was heartily glad that it was only an *imaginary Scene*, which had given me ſo much Uneaſineſs, and to find my ſelf in a *real Land of Liberty*, where I hope *Corruption* will never grow to ſo exorbitant an Height, nor be ſupported in ſo powerful a Manner.

N. B. I hereby forbid the *miniſterial Writers* to anſwer me in their uſual Way, by graſting a *Tree of Faction* on the ſame Stock.

The Caſe of a ſtanding Army, *in Anſwer to ſome late Papers, ſhall be fully and impartially conſider'd, in a ſhort Time.*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Vienna, March 15. An Expreſs from *Milan*, with Diſpatches from the Governor General of that Dutchy, brings Advice, that the Malecontents of *Corſica* having implored the Protection of the Serene Infante DON CARLOS, and a ſtrong Report being ſpread there, that the *Spaniards* intend a Deſcent on that Iſland, he thought it very adviſable to ſuſpend the March of the *Imperial* Troops, 'till new Orders, and has further made ſuch Diſpoſitions as to be able to call the Troops of that Dutchy together, and form an Army on the firſt Occaſion. Upon the Receipt of this Expreſs, the EMPEROR held a Conference with Prince *Eugene* for two Hours, at the Iſſue whereof Expreſſes were diſpatch'd to GREAT BRITAIN and HOLLAND. An Expreſs has been ſent likewiſe to *Berlin*. Some Advices from *Italy* ſay, that 12000 *Spaniards* are actually lodg'd in the Iſle of *Elbe* on the Coaſt of *Tuſcany*.

HOME NEWS.

Briſtol, March 18. About 11 o'Clock at Noon, the Journeymen Weavers in and about this City, aſſembled in a great Body, and executed in Effigy one of their Maſter Weavers; they had made up a ſtrange Figure for this Purpoſe, dreſs'd in a Shroud, Cap, &c. and had fix'd a Barber's Block for the Head, and hawl'd it from Lawford's Gate through ſome Streets of the City in a Cart, till they came to the common Place of Execution, and there hang'd it to the Gallows; and cutting it down they proceeded back to Lawford's Gate, where after huſſling it about the Crowd for ſome time, they hung it up again to a Gibbet they had erected in Lambeth Fields. The Perſon whom they have thus ſhewn their Reſentment to by a proxical Figuration, was ſo unfortunate as to kill eight or nine of them with a Blunderbuſs loaden with Slugs about two Years ſince, when thoſe People roſe in a Body, occaſion'd by their Prices being lower'd, and threaten'd to pull down his Houſe; but he having met with Loſſes in Trade lately, and at preſent abſent from the City, they took this Opportunity to be moſt convenient for their Deſign. The Concourſe of People to view this Proceſſion was very great. Thurſday Night ſome Perſons attempted to cut the Gibbet down; but the Weavers, being appriz'd of it, immediately beat to Arms with a Frying-pan, and tho' at Midnight, they got out of their Beds, and have collected Money on purpoſe to pay a Watch in order to guard it at Night-time.

Rocheſter, March 18. Yeſterday the Trial of William Ragley, for the Murder of Elizabeth his Wife, by ſhooting her, came on. It appear'd that in December laſt he came home and bid his Wife make his Bed; upon which ſhe made Anſwer, that ſhe would not make it for him nor his Dog of a Boy, and call'd him Sodomitical Dog; upon which he took a Gun which was loaded with Shot, and ſhot her in the Breaſt, of which Wound ſhe languiſhed for a Week, and then died. The Murder being plainly proved, the Jury brought him in guilty.

The ſame Day the Aſſizes ended here for the County of Kent, on the Crown Side, when the five following Perſons received Sentence of Death, viz. John Horner, alias John Harris, for ſtealing ſeveral Horſes from Nottingham, belonging to Henry Smith and John Mitchel; Robert Burdett, for ſtealing a Bay Mare, Value 3 l. Richard Sharp, for ſtealing a black Mare, the Property of John Burton; Anne Ellis, alias Davis, for ſtealing, out of the Houſe of George Criſmore at Greenwich, Goods to the Value of 40 s. and Will. Ragley for the Murder of his Wife. Ragley only was ordered for Execution, and the other four reprieved; two were burnt in the Hand, viz. Sarah Pattinſon and John Olebar; one ordered to be whipt; and ten for Tranſportation.

A Woman who was condemn'd laſt Summer Aſſizes, for the Murder of her Baſtard Child, and reprieved, having received his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon, pleaded the ſame; and was married immediately to the Gentleman, by whom ſhe was ſuppoſed to have had the ſaid Child.

At the Aſſizes at Exeter, ſix Priſoners were capitally convicted, viz. three for Horſe-ſtealing, two for the Highway, and one for Murder; the three firſt were reprieved; and the three latter order'd for Execution.

On Saturday laſt the Aſſizes ended at Launceſton, when John Pearce and William Pearce were convicted of Horſe-ſtealing, and received Sentence of Death; Mary Arnold and William Nicholls, convicted of Felony, were ordered to be tranſported; and Eleanor Ayre, Grace Stone, William Webber, and Robert Whitford, convicted of Betty Larceny, were order'd to be whipt; the Horſe-ſtealers were reprieved. Twenty Cauſes and eight Traverſes were try'd.

LONDON, March 25.

Upon an humble Addreſs preſented to the King by the Honourable Houſe of Commons, his Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to iſſue out his Royal Proclamation on Saturday laſt, for apprehending and ſecuring the Perſons of William Burroughs, Eſq; one of the Committee intruſted with the Management of the Affairs of the Charitable Corporation, and William Squire, one of the Aſſiſtants to the ſaid Committee, offering a Reward of five hundred Pounds for diſcovering and apprehending each of the ſaid Perſons.

Laſt Saturday, while the Proclamation was in the Preſs, William Borroughs, Eſq; ſurrender'd himſelf; but we hear William Squire is at Rohan in Normandy.

Monday his Majeſty went to the Houſe of Peers, and gave the Royal Aſſent to the Bill for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion.

The Bill to encourage and compel George Robinſon, Eſq; and John Thomſon to appear and produce the Books and diſcover the Effects of the Charitable Corporation, &c. And

The Bill for Rebuilding the Pariſh Church of Woolwich in Kent, as one of the fifty new Churches.

Orders are gone to Portſmouth for Commodore Leſtock to ſail with the firſt fair Wind for the Weſt-Indies, with the Squadron under his Command, to relieve Rear Admiral Stewart.

Extract of a Letter from a Merchant at Briſtol *to his Friend in* London.

'The Biddy Snow, of and from Briſtol, John Roberts, Commander, in her Way from Guiney, with 'upwards of 120 Negroes, ſome Guiney Wood, and 'Elephant's Teeth on board, call'd at St. Chriſtopher's 'to ſell her Cargoe of Negroes; but finding no Mar'ket for them there, ſhe ſailed for Jamaica; two Days 'after ſhe departed from St. Chriſtopher's, ſhe was ta'ken, thirty Leagues Southward of the Iſland of Porto 'Rico, by one Raphael Arnan, Commander of the 'Sloop St. Joſeph Noſtra Seignora delle Villa, belonging 'to the Margaritta's, and carried into Crab Iſland, 'where they took out thirty-two Negroes, the beſt 'Anchor and Cable, all their ſpare Sails and Rigging, 'and ſent away the Snow with the Remainder of her 'Cargoe to the Margaritta's, with only two of Roberts's 'Men on board her, beſides *Spaniards*. The Captain 'and all the reſt were put on Shore almoſt naked, at a 'Place called Punck, 110 Miles from the City of Porto 'Rico, with a Guard, to travel them through the 'Woods and over the Mountains with ill Treatment 'and hungry Bellies.

The *Spaniards* at Panama have lately obliged the South Sea Company's Factors, who had for ſome Time reſided there, to quit that Place, alledging that they had no Right to ſettle there, but at Porto-Bello; and Mr. Johnſon, ſo removed is arrived at Jamaica, to ſend the Company an Account of this Proceeding.

We hear from Droitwich, that laſt Week the Proprietors agreed not to make any Salt after the Duty commences till the firſt of May next, under Pretence that the Traders who have bought Quantities ſhall have the Advantage, but it is really believed to ſell off their own Stocks, ſecured in divers Places. Salt is ſold there at three Shillings a Buſhel.

Tueſday there was a Board of Admiralty, when their Lordſhips were pleaſed to admit ſeveral poor diſabled Seamen into the Penſion of Greenwich Hoſpital, in the Room of others deceaſed.

Preſt. On Saturday laſt Col. James Tyrrel, one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for Boroughbrigg in Yorkſhire, kiſs'd the King's Hand upon his being promoted to the Rank of a Brigadier-General on the Iriſh Eſtabliſhment, in the Room of Brigadier-General Crofts, deceas'd. — The youngeſt Son of Sir Thomas Lyttleton, Bart. Knight of the Shire for the County of Worceſter, and the youngeſt Son of Sir Roger Bradſhaigh, Bart. Repreſentative in Parliament for the Borough of Wigan, are appointed Pages of Honour to her Majeſty; the former in the Room of Mr. Gilbert Vane, and the latter in the Room of Mr. Pierce Acourt, both made Enſigns in the Foot-Guards —Thomas Beach, ſen. Eſq; Citizen and Goldſmith of London, was lately made an Alderman of St. Alban's.

Acc. Laſt Saturday Night a Fire broke out at Mr. Edwards's, a Hog-Butcher in the Rope-Walk, Brick-Lane, near Old-ſtreet, which intirely conſumed the Dwelling Houſe and damaged ſeveral others; ſeveral Sheds and little Workhouſes were alſo deſtroyed by the Flames, together with a great Number of Flitches of Bacon that hung up to dry. It is ſaid to have begun in their Melting-houſe, where they were boiling up Hog's Fat. —— They write from Glouceſter, that on Monday ſe'nnight laſt in the Evening two Brothers-in-Law having borrowed a ſmall Boat in order to go a Fiſhing, as they were endeavouring to paſs through one of the Arches at Over-Bridge near that City, the Boat overſet and they were both drowned. — On Saturday ſe'nnight laſt one Owner Pearce's Paſſage Boat, bound from Briſtol to Newnham, ſtruck upon the Sands within two Miles of the laſt mentioned Place, and ſunk immediately, by which Accident eight or ten Perſons loſt their Lives.

Dead. On the 5th of this Month died in an advanced Age at Eaſt Balſham in Norfolk, the Rev. Mr. Wright, formerly Rector of Wimpotſham in the ſame County; of which he was deprived for Non Compliance with the Terms required at the Revolution.— On the 12th of this Inſtant died Richard Lydcott, Eſq; at his Seat at Aſhſtead near Banſtead in the County of Surrey. —Monday Morning died of a Fever, after eight Days Illneſs, at Tibbalds in Hertfordſhire, Mrs. Sarah Abney, a young Lady of great Merit, and a very conſiderable Fortune. She was one of the Daughters of the late Sir Thomas Abney. ——The Rev. Mr. Edgley, Vicar of Wandſworth. — Letters from Cambridge ſay, that laſt Week died there Mr. Hidderton, Under Librarian of that Univerſity; which is ſuppoſed to have occaſioned the Report of the Death of Dr. Middleton, the chief Librarian, who is in very good Health; and that the Place of Under Librarian is worth 50 l. per Ann. for which there were five Candidates, out of whom the Heads prick'd two, viz. Mr. Taylor of St. John's, and Mr. Rooke of Chriſt's; the former carried it by fifteen. —Tueſday died Captain Winter, an old Commander in the Eaſt-India Company's Service.—Mr. Jabez Collier, an eminent Solicitor in Chancery. —Monday laſt died at Rumford in Eſſex, in an advanced Age, the Rev. Mr. William Goodwin, Vicar of Pirton in Hertfordſhire.

Thurſday South Sea Stock was 98. South Sea Annuity 110 3 8ths. Bank 110. India 176 1 half. Blanks 7 l. 7 s. 6 d 20 l. Prizes 191. 13 s. 6 d.

LOST on Friday was ſe'nnight behind St. Clement's *Church in the* Strand *a very little brown Dog, of a mongril Kind, with four white Feet and a white Tip to his Tail. He anſwers to the Name of* PUG, *and is apt to be very ſurly and ſnappiſh. If any Perſon will bring the ſaid Dog to Mr.* Jeane's, *a Tobacconiſt at St.* Luke's *Head over-againſt* Devereux *Court without* Temple Bar, *He ſhall receive Half a Crown Reward.*

N. B. *No further Reward will be offered; He being of no Value to any Body but the Owner.*

'To prevent the Decoys and Impoſitions Gentlemen are often liable to in the Goldſmith's Way, from Auctions, publick Sales, &c. and the exceſſive Deceit of whited Braſs, ſold only by Braſiers, and by them called French Plate;

At the Goldſmith's Arms and Ring, the ſecond Shop in Bride-Lane from Fleet-ſtreet, near Fleet-Bridge,

The GOLDSMITH who ſome Time ſince engag'd in making it his chief Buſineſs to deal in ſecond-hand Plate, vigorouſly purſues the ſame, and ſtrictly keeps to the Method he firſt began, of ſelling at the moſt reaſonable Prices.

Alſo in the exchanging old Plate of any Kind for what is faſhionable of the ſame (if ſuch he has by him) or any other Kind at a ſmall Allowance.

The continual Demand he has for large Quantities of various Sorts of Plate, ſecond-hand, gives an Opportunity of his affording moſt Money for the ſame; as do the particular Care he takes in continuing to employ the moſt experienced and beſt Workmen, enable him to ſerve Gentlemen with new Plate, both as to Beauty and Price, to the ſame entire Satisfaction he hitherto has done.

N. B. No Credit will be given or required in either Way.

Note alſo, proper Care will futurely be taken that no Plate be ever offered to Sale before the Arms be intirely taken out; and if deſir'd, ſhall immediately be done at any Gentlemen or Ladies Houſe, before the ſame be taken away; which is preſumed will be a much greater Satisfaction to Buyer and Seller; the Perſon who hereafter may be the Purchaſer having thereby an undoubted Demonſtration of its ſufficient Strength for any Purpoſe whatever, equal to new.

Not Acted theſe Two Years.
At the particular Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.
For the Benefit of Mr. CIBBER, jun.

By his Majeſty's Company of COMEDIANS at the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, on Thurſday the 30th Day of March will be reviv'd, a COMEDY, call'd

The Committe; or, The Faithful Iriſhman.

Being the laſt Time but one, of acting till Eaſter Holidays.
The Part of Teague, attempted by Mr. Cibber, jun.
To which (by Deſire) will be added, a Ballad-Opera, call'd
The Devil to Pay; or, The Wives Metamorphos'd.
Nell, by Miſs Raftor. With ſeveral new Entertainments of Dancing by Monſ. Denoyer, and Others, as will be expreſt in the Bills on that Day — N. B. Servants will be admitted to keep Places on the Stage. Places to be taken, and Tickets to be had at the Widow Cook's, Box-keeper in the Play-houſe Paſſage. No Money to be return'd after the Curtain is drawn up.

For the Benefit of Mrs. *BUTLER.*

By his Majeſty's Company of COMEDIANS, at the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, on Thurſday the 20th Day of April will be preſented a COMEDY, call'd

The Man of Mode; or, Sir Fopling Flutter.

To which will be added, a new Ballad Opera, called
The Devil to Pay, or, The Wives Metamorphos'd.
Tickets to be had at the Widow Cook's, Box keeper in the Play-houſe Paſſage.

Next Monday will be Publiſhed,
(With his Effigies curiouſly engraven by BARON)
MEMOIRS of the LIFE of the late Earl of ORRERY, and of the Family of BOYLE. Containing ſeveral curious Facts and Pieces of Hiſtory, from the Reign of Queen Elizabeth to the preſent Times. Extracted from original Papers and Manuſcripts never yet printed. With a ſhort Account of the Controverſy between the late Earl of Orrery and the Rev. Dr. Bentley, and ſome ſelect Letters of PHALARIS, the famous Sicilian Tyrant. Tranſlated from the Greek,
By EUSTACE BUDGELL, Eſq;
Printed for W. Mears at the Lamb in the Old Bailey.

To be LETT,
At WALTON *upon Thames, in Surrey,*
All or Part of a large and convenient HOUSE, well ſituated, with large Gardens, Out-houſes, Yard, &c. late in the Poſſeſſion of Brigadier Watkins. Enquire at the ſaid Houſe, or at Mr. Whitchurch's, next Door to Somerſet-houſe in the Strand.

To be LETT,
And Entered upon immediately,
A very handſome HOUSE, Three Rooms on a Floor, with Coach-houſe, Stables, Garden and other Conveniences, in New Ormond-ſtreet, on the Side next the Fields, having an open View to Hampſtead, Highgate, &c. and ſituated near the Chapel.
Enquire of Mr. Billingſley, at the Judge's Head near the Rolls Gate in Chancery-Lane.